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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF GRAIN NOW IN DAKAR PORT TO CONAKRY.

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1. IT IS PROPOSED THAT UP TO FIVE THOUSAND M.T. OF BAGGED CORN NOW IN DAKAR FOR MALI BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO CONAKRY. THE ADVANTAGE OF TRANS-SHIPMENT OF THIS AMOUNT OF COMMODITY IS THAT IT HELPS TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE BOTH ON DAKAR PORT FACILITIES AND ON THE SENEGAL/MALI RAILROAD'S ADMITTEDLY STILL MODEST DISPATCH CAPABILITY, WHILE MILITATING AGAINST EVENTUAL SPOILAGE OF THE GRAIN WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED TO OCCUR AS IT IS PROGRESSIVELY EXPOSED TO CONDITIONS OF EXCESSIVE HUMIDITY XERING THE RAINY SEASON.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI HAS AGREED TO THE TRANSFER OF FIVE
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THOUSAND M.T. OF FED CORN NOW AWAITING RAIL SHIPMENT TO

KAYES/BAMAKO, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS LOAN WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE MADE GOOD BY RECEIPT OF A SIMILIAR AMOUNT OF US GRAIN. FED DIRECTOR HERE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN TRANSFER, BUT BRUSSELS HAS ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE NO WRITTEN HEADQUARTERS UNDERTAKING TO THIS EFFECT - AS THIS WOULD INVOLVE THE PRIOR CONSENT OF ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION'S NINE COMPONENT MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THEIR CONDITION SINE QUA NON FOR THE TRANSFER IS THAT THE BAGGED GRAIN BE REMOVED FROM ITS PRESENT CONTAINERS, WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED AS "DON DE LA COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE EUROPEENNE" (GIVE OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY) AND RE-BAGGED IN OTHER SACKS, EITHER PLAIN OR WITH U.S. MARKINGS. OTHER FED STIPULATION IS THAT FED DAKAR DIRECTOR (LANARI) BE GIVEN A COPY OF AN RDO LETTER OR CABLE TO DOUKARA ACKNOWLEDGING MINDEF'S APPROVAL FOR UTILIZING/ REPLACING MALI CORN.

3. TO DATE, MIN.DEF. DOUKARANQAS GIVEN HIS CONCURRENCE ONLY TO THE TGGNSFER OF FED GRAIN, BUT TWO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO A SWAP USING THIS GRAIN SOURCE ARE OFFERED:

(A) REQUEST TO EFFECT GRAIN TRANSFER INSTEAD WITH 5,000 M.T. OF COMMERCIAL-PURIHASE MALIAN CORN, NOW CONSIGNED TO OPAN, PRESENTLY AT THE ZONE FRANCHE MALIENNE. THIS CORN IS BAGGED, IN JUTE SACKS WITHOUT IDENTIFYING MARKINGS, ENABLING TRANSFER TO BE MADE WITHOUT RESORTING TO THE PROCESS OF 'UN-BAGGING' AND RE-BAGGING COMMODITY, WITH ITS CONCOMITANT EXTRA COSTS (ABOUT 1,000 FRF. CFA/M.T. FOR THE RE-BAGGING OPERATION, PLUS COST OF LOCALLY PURCHASED JUTE BAGS (APPROXIMATELY 1,400 MRS CFA/M.T.) HOWEVER, SWAP OF US TITLE II TRAIN FOR MALI'S COMMERCIAL CORN MAY EXPOSE US TO LATER CLAIMS RELATING TO PRICE AND QUALITY.

(B) THE USE OF BRITISH CORN VERY RECENTLY DISCHARGED (AND BAGGED) AT DAKAR PORT, FOR THE TRANSFER. THE BRITISH WERE ORIGINALLY WILLING TO DIVERT THIS 5,000 M.T. CARTO TO ALGIERS/ORAN FOR OVERLAND DELIVERY OF GRAIN TO GAO, BUT PLAN HAD TO BE ABANDONED WHEN IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT NEITHER PORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS EQUIPPED TO ACCEPT BULK GRAIN SHIPMENTS. WHETHER OR NOT BRITISH WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO GRAIN TRANSFER TO GUINEA IS NOT KNOWN, OR WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO AGREE TO DIRECT SHIPMENT OF PRESENTLY BAGGED GRAIN, AS OPPOSED TO PRIOR REBAGGING OF COMMODITY, BUT APPROACH CAN BE MADE.

4. IN THE EVENT THE FED GRAIN TRANSFER OPTION IS THE ONE SELECTED BY AID/W, STRONG JUTE BAGS IMPORTED FROM

BANGLA DESH ARE MOMENTARILY AVAILABLE HERE IN SUFFICIENT NUMBER TO MEET THE RE-BAGGING REQUIREMENT. 5,000 OF THESE WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THIS OPERATION, AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MILLION FRs. CFA (\$28,447). TO THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDED RE-BAGGING COSTS, OF FIVE MILLION FRs CFA (\$20,319) FOR THE 5,000 M.T. EXTRAPORTAGE AND HANDLING WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE INCLUDED (NO ESTIMATE TO DATE) SINCE THE FED GRAIN IN QUESTION HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE MALIAN FREE ZONE TO THE PREMISES OF A FORWARDING AGENT OTHER THAN THAT WHICH WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO EFFECT THE ACTUAL RE-BAGGING.

5. SOCOPAO/SOAEEM REPORT THAT: CONTRACTING WITH SHIPPERS TO TRANSPORT THE GRAIN TO CONAKRY MAY POST PROBLEM. FEW SHIPPING COMPANIES ARE WILLING TO TRADE WITH CONAKRY FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, AMONG WHICH ARE LISTED HARASSMENT OF MASTERS/CREWS, RED TAPE, DELAYS IN DISCHARGE AND IN ISSUANCE OF PERMISSION TO LEAVE PORT, MAKING SUCH VENTURES GENERALLY UNECONOMIC. THE NORMAL FREIGHT RATE FROM DAKAR TO CONAKRY IS 6,250 FRSM CFA/M.T. SOCOPAO'S INITIAL EFFORTS TO CONTRACT AT THAT PRICE HAVE MET WITH NO TAKERS. HOWEVER, A MESSAGE FROM SOCOPAO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSMITTED ASKING INTERESTED PARTIES TO COME FORWARD WITH AN OFFER, SINCE IT IS APPARENT THAT A PREMIUM RATE WELL ABOVE THE 'NORMAL' ONE WILL HAVE TO BE PAID IF SHIPS ARE TO BE FOUND AT ALL FOR THIS OPERATION.

6. THE NEED FOR A DECISION BY AID/W IS THEREFORE IMMEDIATE, SINCE WHATEVER OPTION IS SELECTED, RDO/FFPO WILL HAVE TO GKMOVE FAST TO CONTRACT THE NECESSARY SERVICES, ARRANGE FOR THE NECESSARY PURCHASES, AND PREPARE THE COMMODITIES FOR LOADING ABOARD THE FIRST AVAILABLE VESSEL. SINCE MISSION IS SHOOTING FOR A FIRST/SECOND WEEK/JULY DEPARTURE DATE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST SHIPMENTS, AND SINCE THE SHIP/SHIPS SELECTED WILL REQUIRE PRIOR CLEARANCE BY USDA BEFORE ANY CONTRACT FOR FREIGHT CARRIAGE CAN BE DRAWN UP, AN EARLY DECISION BY AID/W WOULD DO MUCH TO EXPEDITE THE FIRST TITLE II DELIVERIES TO CONAKRY. FYI, BAGGING/EXTRA-PORTAGE SHOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST A WEEK. VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THESE COSTS PLUS PROBABLE FREIGHT TO CONAKRY (DELIVERY OF GRAIN UNDER SHIP'S TACKLE) ABOUT 52 MILLION FRs CFA, OR \$212,000 U.S., IF RE-BAGGING HAS TO BE RESORTED TO; OTHERWISE 42 MILLION CFA, OR \$170,000 U.S., IS REQUIRED. PURCHASE OF JUTE RATHER THAN POLYPROPYLENE BAGS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. VERY SMALL NUMBER RESIDUAL TITLE II BAGS HELD BY FREIGHT FORWARDERS TOTALLY INADEQUATE FOR THE TASK, AND ALTHOUGH HJUTE MOGB EXPENSIVE AT 62 CENTS (EQUIV) PER BAG, NEVERTHELESS IT HOLDS TWICE AS MUCH AS US SAKC, IS PROBABLY MORE DURABLE,

AND STANDS UP BETTER TO PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO SUN'S RAYS
(U.V. RADIATION). ALTERNATIVE TO AIR-FREIGHT 100,000
POLYPROPYLENE BAGS TO DAKAR FROM U.S. NOT PRACTICAL
VIEW HEAVY EXPENSE INVOLVED.

7. AID/W RESPONSE AWAITED, DECONTROL 16&31/74.
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